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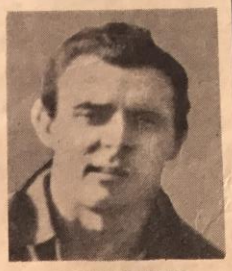
WE LOSE A GREAT PLAYER



FERENCE BORS

FERENC BORS, 29, captain of Melbourne S.C., died instantly at 3 a.m. on Sunday, when he was a passenger in a car which collided with a stationary truck at Elwood.

He came from Hungary, where he played for Debregen, Vasutas and Tatabanya Football Clubs. He joined the Hakoah S.C., then he transferred to Melbourne S.C., and helped them considerably in their successful bid for promotion.

"Soccer News" received the following official communique from the Melbourne Soccer Club on Tuesday:—

"Ference Bors, Captain of the Melbourne Soccer Club, who died under such tragic circumstances last weekend, will be missed not only by his Club, but by many thousands of soccer followers in Victoria.

"He arrived in this country from Hungary three years ago, and soon adapted himself to our Australian way of life. He loved the country that had given him his freedom under a democratic Government, which we all cherish so dearly.

"His love for his new country was only offset by his greater love for soccer. He was a great sportsman and his name, wherever the game is played, will always be remembered."

The following letter was received by the "Soccer News" Editors:—

"Sirs,—On behalf of the Committee, players and followers of The Melbourne Soccer Football Club, I would like, through the medium of this paper, to personally thank the V.A.S.F.A. Council members, Clubs, and the many soccer lovers for the messages of condolence, bereavement cards and wreaths in tribute to Ference Bors, our Captain, who died so tragically on Sunday, July 31.

"The Melbourne Club is like one large happy family—and we have lost one of our sons; when a man such as Ference Bors is taken away from us, it is never quite the same again. He was a fine sportsman, and a player who always gave his best both on and off the field. He has endeared himself in our hearts and time will never erase his memory.

"And I know he would have wished it so, that wherever his club, The Melbourne Soccer Football Club, plays in the future years, he will be with us.—Yours, etc.,

VICTOR MANSON,
Secretary, Melbourne Soccer Football Club."

A minute's silence in respect of the late Frank Bors was made at Olympic Park by players, spectators and officials on Sunday.

Two hundred and fifty people including Council members, State League and Metropolitan clubs' representatives, players, attended a Requiem Mass service held at the Immaculate Conception Church, Burwood Road, Hawthorn, on Wednesday morning.

A soccer ball and Bor's boots were placed on the coffin. Two truck loads of wreaths followed.

The former Melbourne captain also was buried at Brighton Cemetery.

Melbourne S.C. committeemen, players and their families were also present. Team mates carried the coffin

Dr. Walker to see Olympics

V.A.S.F.A. Vice-President, Dr. C. Walker, will fly to Rome for the Olympic Games on August 14.

The President of the Polonia S.C. will later attend a Sporting Medicine Congress in Vienna and will visit some European countries before terminating his trip in London.

After the Games, Dr. Walker is expected to take a short holiday in Italy.

Dr. Walker will write for "Soccer News" his impressions of the progress made in Soccer by the nations he'll visit in Europe.

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HOW THE EXPERTS SEE THE GAMES

STATE LEAGUE *FIXTURES FOR THIS WEEK-END*	YOUR Selection	JOHN D'ANDREA "Soccer News"	FRED VILLIERS "Soccer News"	STAN STACEY "The Globe"	BILL FLEMING "The Herald"	M. BUCKNER "The Sun"	ALEX BARR "The Age" and 3AR	JIM PAUL 3KZ	FRED LANG 3DB	GLEN MILLINS 3XY	CHARLES DODD HSV7	MOST FAVOURED
HAKOAH v. MELBOURNE		X	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	X	1	1
J.U.S.T. v. JUVENTUS		2	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2
SLAVIA v. MORELAND		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
WILHELMINA v. BOX HILL		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
GEORGE CROSS v. POLONIA		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
FOOTSCRAY v. PRESTON		2	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	2

1—First-named team to win. *2—Second-named team to win.* *X—Tie.*

HOW THEY STAND

After last week's round, here's how the experts stand:—

62 WINS—Millins.
61 WINS—Villiers.
60 WINS—Barr.
59 WINS—Buckner.
58 WINS—Lang.
57 WINS—Dodd.
55 WINS—Fleming.
54 WINS—Stacey.
51 WINS—d'Andrea, Paul.

You, too, can make your own selection in the column provided and see how you fare with the experts.

★ SOUTH

COLLINGWOOD'S loss to Sicilia leaves the Dockerty Cup bare of any Second Division North teams. This loss also indicates that teams winning promotion to the First Division North will have to gain new blood in an endeavour to remain there.

Today's return to League matches sees an even round in which there could be a number of upsets. Seymour play St. Albans in what is bound to be an interesting match. If one forgets Seymour's humbling by Lions a fortnight ago and takes their home ground advantage into account, they could take a point off St. Albans.

Essendon and Heidelberg—the two bottom teams—play Norlane - Olympia and Collingwood respectively. Although I expect Norlane-Olympia and Collingwood to win, Essendon and Heidelberg will be fighting their utmost to gain points in an endeavour to remain with third bottom team, Fairfield.

The Williamstown - Fairfield match may clear up the relegation picture. A win to Fairfield would give them 8 points lead, while a loss would leave them still only a point ahead of second bottom team, Heidelberg.

Lions play I.C.I. in the remaining match, and after their 10-goal feast against Seymour a fortnight ago, they'll hope to repeat this performance to-day. Lions will win but it will not be by such a huge margin.

Likely winners: **Norlane-Olympia, Collingwood, Lions, Williamstown, St. Albans.**

★ NORTH

Frankston and Rosebud after their draw, at 4-4 each, in their third round Dockerty Cup replay, have now played 240 minutes of soccer in the one match. Both teams are anxious to take part in the fourth round of the Cup and will not give in.

In the League matches played at the week-end Moorabbin and North Richmond gained valuable points from their victories against F.N.D. and Croydon respectively. Croydon now have a 6-point lead over the bottom two teams and this is equivalent to three matches.

The match of the day is between Oakleigh and Frankston at Oakleigh. When the teams first met, Frankston won by 4-1, but Oakleigh are now playing a much finer brand of soccer and could make the game close. Frankston, who have missed the services of captain Bob Betts, will need him in the team, but unfortunately owing to injury he may still be unavailable.

Makedonia and Rosebud play in another interesting match and I advise the referee of this game to watch it very closely as Makedonia appear to play the man instead of the ball.

North Richmond play F.N.D. and Croydon play Moorabbin in two comparatively even games.

Likely winners: **Rosebud, Moorabbin, Ferntree Gully, Frankston, North Richmond.**

Second Division Notes

by Russell Lea

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"GET ME TO THE CHURCH ON TIME"

Today's match at Olympic Park should provide enough excitement and fireworks as it is, but George Cross right full-back, Eddie Sacco, will have another good reason for being excited.

If you hear the tune, "Get Me to Church in Time," from "My Fair Lady," played at half-time over the P.A. system, you know it will be for the young Maltese defender's wedding shortly after the match.

Eddie will marry an English girl, Miss Pam Price, at St. Mary's, West Melbourne, at 5 p.m.

Eddie is still worried about being late for his wedding and is still undecided whether to play in his WEDDING SUIT or to get married in his FOOTBALL TOGS.

IS YOUR TEAM IN THE CUP?

Geelong and South Melb.-Hellas are the first two teams to qualify through the preliminary rounds for the Ascot £700 Dockerty Cup.

The other two teams will come from Sicilia-Brighton, Sunshine City - Rosebud-Frankston when the replays have been completed.

On September 3 the four teams will join the 12 State League clubs for round 5 of Ascot £700 Dockerty Cup.

In the Harry Armstrong Reserve Cup two teams have reached the semi-finals — South Melbourne-Hellas and Hakoah. The other two semi-finalists will come from Richmond-Box Hill, and Park Rangers-George Cross-Melbourne.

In the World Cup, Greece and Italy have already reached the semi-finals and the other two contestants will come from Holland-Jugoslavia and the Poland-Hungary clashes.

South Melbourne-Hellas is the only club so far having a chance to win the three competitions this year.

Here are the fixtures:—

SATURDAY, AUG. 20

As per fixture lists, subject to the following alterations:

DOCKERTY CUP
3rd Round, 2nd Replay
Rosebud v. Frankston.

DOCKERTY CUP
Fourth Round
Sicilia v. Brighton.

HARRY ARMSTRONG CUP
3rd Round, 2nd Replay
George Cross v. Melbourne.

HARRY ARMSTRONG CUP
4th Round
Richmond v. Box Hill.

The following matches listed for August 20, are now postponed until a date to be advised:—

State League Reserves—
Slavia v. Melbourne.
George Cross v. Box Hill.

First North—
Sunshine City v. Sicilia.

First South—
Prahran v. Brighton.

Second South—
F'tree Gully v. Frankston.
Bayswater v. Rosebud.

First South Reserves—
Richmond v. South Yarra.

HE MAY HELP THE AUSTRIAN DISPUTE

Austria-Melbourne S.C. vice-president, Karl Berger, has offered to negotiate on behalf of the A.S.F.A. with the Austrian Soccer Association over the dispute of the clearance of Austrian players at present registered with Sydney clubs.

Mr. Berger, an advertising executive, will fly to Europe later in the year on business.

The present deadlock between Austria and Australia over the "banned" players is responsible for the suspension of Australia by F.I.F.A.

Australia is anxious to be readmitted, to bring to the next annual meeting the entire problem of migrant players before the full F.I.F.A. membership where it should get strong support.

Mr. Berger told "Soccer News" that he is sure he can convince his own countrymen of the absurdity of their financial requests, which are a hard blow to Australian Soccer.

Mr. Berger is ready to negotiate an amicable solution where the Associations would save face.

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✦ Leading goal-scorer in Hungarian soccer last season was international inside-left, Lajos Tichy.

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✦ Willie Sinclair, the Huddersfield Town outside-right has been transferred to Tranmere Rovers.

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WHAT WE SAY

Soccer in the country

MR. H. DOCKERTY'S reminder that Country Soccer should be helped, encouraged and watched over, is a well timed one.

As against the progress of Soccer in capital cities and other industrial centres, the interest has declined in our code in country centres.

Not only are teams disbanding week after week, but little or nothing at all is done for juniors or schools.

Finance, distances, as well as lack of personnel have contributed to the loosening of ties between city and country Soccer concerns.

The visits of some officials to country centres are a commendable voluntary effort which cannot be effective enough as a well-planned network of activities and exchanges should be.

The Victorian Association has appointed a sub-committee to enquire into the problems of country Soccer.

Let's hope that this will open a new era in the development of Soccer in rural areas.

The Victorian experiment will be watched no doubt by interested parties in other States.

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★ SCOTTISH DANCE TO GREEK TUNE

Greece have put a strong claim to a major soccer power in Melbourne by creating the Soccer upset of the week in defeating Scotland, at Olympic Park, on Sunday.

South Melbourne - Hellas (sponsors of Greece) have set the stage to join the "Big 12" in the State League next season.

With their victory they proved worthy of promotion and they're also expected to give soccer one of the greatest boosts in the last few years by bringing to the major division:

- A good team.
- A good style of football.
- A good following, and
- A soundly administered Club.

The Greeks were impressive in their win before a capacity crowd (more than half were Greeks) and the Scottish boys had to do a lot of dancing, but it wasn't to a familar tune.

This is the first time this year the Greeks, playing in the weekly competition or in the Sunday International, have had any real competition, and when the big clash came they were prepared for it.

On the ground 11 men won for Greece; on the sidelines three men must share equal credit for the good display: Theo Marmaras, Jim Demetrie and Des Hamilton.

Jim Demetrie confined the players to barracks on Saturday night in his city hotel — the Duke of Kent — and the players dined and listened to music while their tactics were outlined by Des Hamilton.

When the Greek XI walked off the field, Des was crying with happiness. Among the first to congratulate him, Greek players, and officials were the Scottish team manager, Mr. Balish, the Scottish captain, Bob Weymss, and the Greek Consul in Victoria, Mr. Coumbos.

JOHN d'ANDREA.

Juniors Duel at Middle Park

Ballarat City 2, Metropolitan Under 18 2

Ten cars from Ballarat brought to Middle Park last Sunday players, officials and families from the Ballarat City S.C. for a friendly match with the Metropolitan Under 18 team, soon to tour interstate.

The match had been arranged by Mr. Des. Hamilton (Sth. Melb.-Hellas).

The match provided plenty of excitement and entertainment and some of the players in both teams were closely watched by club officials from different Melbourne soccer clubs.

Senator P. Kennelly, Chairman of the Albert Park Trustees, paid a surprise visit to the ground during the match and complimented Mr. D. Hamilton for the foresight to foster the game by bringing country teams to the city.

The teams were: **Ballarat City:** D. Brown, Lenkic, S. Brown, D. A. Gow, J. Smith, W. Smith, M. Peel, I. Gow, R. Smith, R. Skinner, D. Gow (W. Birnie).

Metropolitan Under 18: Caschieri, Marth, Burton, Voce, Diamandis, Bryce, Shipley, Wright, Karlich, Vassilo, Hilton (Skorecky, Fisher, Rogers).

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WELCOME TO THE PARK, SOCCER FANS!

Today you're in for one of the best football treats of the season — Polonia v. George Cross Kick-off 3 p.m. (see page 11). Tomorrow (Sunday) J.U.S.T. play Juventus at 3 p.m. in another thriller. Above (top right) is a picture of Tony Zubiani, Moreland's sharpshooter, who is at present heading the goal-scorers' list (see page 9).

J.U.S.T.

Rosenick (Junkovic) (1)
Mandus (2) Recuk (3)
Micic (4) Basic (5) Schroeder (6)
Marinovic (8) Beattie (10)
Tribucio (7) Radibratovic (9) Vollman (11)

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Bressan (11) Barbazza (9) Wenish (7)
Wehner (10) Bottari (8)
Griggs (6) Frangioni (5) Boz (4)
Marini (3) Pichinic (2)
Colla (1)

JUVENTUS

GEORGE CROSS

Hobson
Sacco Nelson
L. Sacco Muscat A. Vella
E. Vella McVean
Catania (7) Abela (9) Cachia (11)
Reserves: McKenna, Rae, Zammit.

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Reserve: Dronia
Dudon (10) Gamaj (8)
Szygalski (11) Jurecki (9) Biro (7)
Szczerpanski (6) Maruzkicwicz (5) Janczyk (4)
Guardiani (3) Gasior (2)
Morks (1)

POLONIA

STATE LEAGUE TEAMS

MELBOURNE: Gross, Juhase, Besci, Garret, Vajda, Vass, Pribil, Fekete, Zuckermann, Weinbers, Banhidy, Kaiser, Varos, Sal.

HAKOAH: Mannering, Alexander, Woodward, Anderson, Barker, Hartley, Thomas, Common, McInroy, Neuhold, Peterson. Reserves: Haynes, Reid, Ellenhaus.

BOX HILL from Cooper, White, Suttie, Hunter, Huygen, Paterson, Drennan, Russell, Pirie, Tomblin, Stoffles, Bedford, McKillop, Kenny, Keyes, Smith.

FOOTSCRAY from Massese, Hamilton, Zaviatterio, Burns, Sabadini, Cressey, Donna, Rice, Copeland, Mcleod, Airman, Wemyss, van der Poel.

SLAVIA from Barotajs, Petherick, Armstrong, Balish, Berry, Reinbold, Glennie, Bell, Gotschlich, Angstenberger, Sas, Rambousek, Zeigler, Stacey, Hubbard, Alexandros.

PRESTON: Djukic, Briscuso, G. Klock, Pomahac, Krizmantic, Szauer, Horvath, Silvar, Huybeir, Plavlovsky, Tognon. Res.: Gailis, Celms, Black.

MORELAND: Azzarpardi, Matthews, Cullen, McNeil, Hodgson, Stewart, Oxton, Loughran, Zubiani, Smith, Glover, Sanden, Heath, Drake.

WILHELMINA: Van Heeswick, Sloothack, Erasmus, Stobbe, Remmers, Van Alphen, Brouwer, Noy, Yntema, Luyten, Keuken, de Bruyckere, Bons.

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MACCABI: A. Novak; B. Levey, R. Novak; D. Ginsburg, T. Jack, A. Szabo; P. Akerstein, J. Velleman, D. Finkielstein, F. Marks, J. Roessler. Reserves: Hoffman, Kovacs.

SOUTH MELB.-HELLAS: Van Gronignon, Picoulas, Pippis, Power, Ieremedias, Fortamanos, Kourkoulakos, Budgen, Genarkis, Hatzelefriou, Papadopoulos, Georgousiss.

SANDRINGHAM CITY: Slade, Stanfield, Sullivan, R. Hayball, Ward, Sutherland, Dawson, Ritchie, Engelbogen, Lachmann (c.), Bruce, B. Hyndman, Newitt.

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"SOCCER NEWS" TO CALL MEETING SOON

Some clubs have expressed the wish to discuss matters pertaining to "Soccer News." The Editors announce that a meeting will be called as soon as convenient and all clubs interested will be invited. Clubs and individuals are in the meantime invited to submit any suggestions in writing to the Secretary of the Association.

De Bruyckere out with Broken Leg

Wilhelmina were unlucky to lose Mike De Bruyckere only a few minutes after the start of the Polonia-Wilhelmina match, when the Dutch captain again broke his leg.

It was the same incident which took place last year, in the same position and in the same manner. Wilhelmina were then playing Hakoah. And it was the same referee—Luigi Cadelli.

Mike was carried away on a stretcher and will be subject to a specialist consultation.

Soccer fans will wish Mike a speedy recovery.

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STATE LEAGUE CUP TO BE RETAINED?

The State League Management Committee, by a unanimous vote, recommended that the State League Cup (Final Four) be continued as a yearly competition.

Twelve clubs were present at the meeting.

The Chairman (Mr. J. Oliphant) stated clearly that the V.A.S.F.A. Council had never voted against the competition and that the Executive in its recommendation to Council had been guided by the wish expressed last year by the S.L.M.C. when they asked that the Competition be discontinued.

With almost the same teams in the Final Four the Dockerty Cup Finals and the World Cup Finals, the competition was a financial failure last year.

The motion for the retention was moved by Box Hill and Polonia.

The Box Hill delegate (Mr. K. Martin) stressed that the position of the advisability of holding such tournament should be discussed each year before the start of the season and not at the end.

The financial arrangements for the cup are: 30 per cent. each to the competing teams, 25 per cent. to a pool consisting of 12 State League Clubs, and 15 per cent. to the Association.

The Secretary - Manager (Mr. S. Beaton) appealed to clubs to accept in a sporting fashion the fixtures as drawn for the competition, as they were bound to clash towards the end of the season with some clubs tied up with more than one final in a short period.

Wilhelmina S.C., represented by Messrs. van Hoboken and Hutchinson, had circularized a lengthy statement on the advantages of retaining the Final Four system.

Other decisions of the S.L.M.C.

✦ No Victorian club will be allowed to play A.P.I.A.-Sydney in Melbourne or in Sydney until the Sydney Club refunds £60 to Hakoah-Melbourne being for medical expenses for player Egler.

✦ Cor Mathyssen, a former Wilhelmina player, who went to Sydney to play for Austral-Sydney at the time of the breakaway, was readmitted to play in Victoria for his original club.

✦ The case of player Vasvay (ex-Melbourne) at present playing for Hakoah-Sydney without a transfer, was referred to V.A.S.F.A. Executive with a recommendation to seek the advice of the A.S.F.A.

✦ More frequent meeting provided the agenda warrants it and all items for the agenda to be submitted at least seven days before meeting so that Secretary can circularize items to clubs for discussion and instructions to delegates.

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DISCIPLINARY REPORTS

Disciplinary Committee reports:—

• Player E. Abela, of Springvale S.C., was found guilty of striking an opponent and was suspended for two weeks.

✦ Referee Tolnai reported on the incidents which forced him to abandon the match Springvale v. Olympia and gave details of the damage done to his car after mud was thrown at him while attempting to drive away with his wife and child. Springvale S.C. was suspended for the rest of the season, as it was proved that players and committeemen attacked the referee and failed to take any action to ensure his safety, as well as the safety of the other team.

• Players Farago (Geelong) and Lutznik (Austria) were reported by referee De Lange, who ordered them off the field when they kicked each other. After hearing the evidence, Farago was suspended for four matches and Lutznik for two.

• Player Parlatoni (Polonia), on a 3-weeks' suspended sentence, applicable on receipt of first caution, attended the meeting but failed to appeal against the caution. The committee, after reserving their decision, had no other alternative but enforce the three matches' suspension.

• In the match St. Albans v. Norlane, abandoned by referee Kleimberg, the committee decided to award the points to Norlane, to suspend player B. Haberzab for four weeks, and that St. Albans be suspended until a player—who had refused to give his name when ordered off the field—would be named. Prior to leaving the hearing St. Albans officials abused the members of the I. and D. Committee and made wild allegations about the referee. At 9.20 a.m. the following morning the St. Albans S.C. contacted the Association Secretary and named the offending player—a full-back.

• J.U.S.T. Reserve player, Lakovic, was suspended for four weeks for kicking a player, Liporz (J.U.S.T.), was given the benefit of the doubt on a charge of having used abusive language.

• Players Nixon (Heidelberg), and Costa (Fairfield) were suspended two weeks each on a charge of striking each other. Player Nixon was not present but was represented by his club secretary.

• Player N. Lucas (North Richmond), reported by referee Stafrace, was suspended until he appears, when he failed to attend the hearing he was summoned for.

SOCCER FANS HERE'S YOUR POOLS GUIDE

NEW SOUTH WALES.

1st DIV. NORTH.—Adamstown 0, Awaba 0; Blacksmith 1, Cessnock 2; L. Macquarie 3, Wallsend 1; Mayfield 1, Mereweather 1; Newcastle 1, Cardiff 0; W. Wallsend 8, Charlestown 1.

FEDERAL 1st DIV.—Apia 1, Prague 0; Balgownie 1, Canterbury 3; Bankstown 0, Northside 0; Granville 3, Gladesville 0; Hakoah 3, Corrimal 1; Manly 1, Auburn 8; Sydney Aust. 0, Budapest 3.

FEDERAL 2nd DIV.—Concordia 0, Corinthians 3; Hellenic 1, Polonia 3; Lidcombe 1, Julia 2; St. George 6; Dalmatinac 0; Toongabbie 3, Sutherland 0; White Eagles 1, Blacktown 6.

QUEENSLAND.

FIRST DIVISION.—Azzuri 5, St. Helens 3; Blackstone 2, Hellenic 3; Dinmore 1, Bundamba 8; Oxley 2, Thistle 0; Y.M.C.A. 0, Annerley 6.

SECOND DIVISION.—Bulimba 9, Graceville 3; Mitchelton 10; Mertlelon 4; Postal 2, Dnipro 1; Sandgate 3, Easts 1; Wynnum 5, Latrobe 4.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

FIRST DIVISION.—Beograd 3, Croatia 2; Sturt 2, Budapest 7; Salisbury 1, Victoria 9; Polonia 1, Lion 1; Juventus 0, Cumberland 0; Orange 2, Port Adelaide 0.

SECOND DIVISION. — Kingswood 3, South Adelaide 2; Avstria 1, Enfield 4; Birkalla 7, Pennington 0; Malta 5, Elizabeth 2; Windsor Athletic 2, Edinburgh 2; Olympic 2, Mitcham 0.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Prague	20	16	1	3	81	31	35
Apia	20	14	2	4	58	17	32
Gladesville	20	14	3	3	52	28	31
Auburn	20	13	5	2	65	44	28
Canterbury	19	13	5	1	64	37	27
Budapest	19	12	6	1	55	42	25
N. Side	20	7	9	4	47	46	18
Bankstown	20	6	11	3	31	41	15
S. Austral	20	5	10	5	32	49	15
Hakoah	20	6	12	2	45	45	14
Corrimal	19	5	10	4	41	47	14
Balgownie	19	5	14	0	26	57	10
Granville	20	4	14	2	37	69	10
Manly	20	1	19	0	33	114	2

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

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Juventus	9	2	6	45	25	24
Cumberland	10	3	4	35	22	24
Budapest	10	3	3	51	16	23
Lion	9	2	5	47	18	23
Orange	9	4	4	30	28	22
Croatia	9	6	2	25	13	20
Polonia	6	7	4	32	37	16
Beograd	6	6	7	32	32	15
Victoria	6	10	1	37	33	13
Port	4	12	1	34	63	9
Sturt	3	12	2	32	65	8
Salisbury	1	13	3	19	65	5

DEFENDING PRESTON

Sirs,—I would like to write a few words in defence of Preston. Seeing that at present they are near the bottom of the League, and never seem to get into the limelight as far as write-ups are concerned, although they have pulled off three successive surprise wins and could make it four.

As far as those last three or four successive victories are concerned, nobody at Preston was surprised. In fact, I am amazed at the experts being surprised. If they had witnessed any of those games and given credit where credit is due, maybe their warped judgment would not have been so biassed.

We don't ask for favours; we can battle on ourselves and take things as they come, but take note, Preston will still be in the State League next season, and will not be so far down as they are at present.

Preston is one of the oldest clubs in Melbourne, dating back to 1910. They have never achieved the colourful publicity accorded some of the newer teams. This could be attributed to the fact that it has always shunned the idea of becoming a national team, and has welcomed all, irrespective of nationality. — Yours, etc.,

ANDREW JOHNSTONE.
16 Willow St., W. Preston.

Sirs, — From the official list of matches for the Dockerty Cup one guesses that Sunshine City will play the winners of the Frankston v. Rosebud replay, winners of Collingwood Eagles v. Sicilia or winners of Brighton v. Coburg. BUT one shouldn't have to guess, it should surely be on the fixture list. It does seem strange, however, that the 4th Round draw can be made without presenting it in full. It also seems strange that the four teams who had completed Round 3 should be conveniently drawn against each other, or was there no one else in the draw?

If this was the case is it then a knock-out competition? Now that the Dockerty Cup is tied up with such a valuable cash prize, the teams who get through their rounds in time seem to be penalised.

Apart from the methods of conduct regarding this draw, one would be lacking in something not to ask this simple question: In what other sport is a handicap placed on the weaker side or person? The weaker teams (not on results, only standards) are asked to "fight it out among yourselves," while the mighty State League teams come in on the "bandwagon." Could it be that these "big men" don't feel capable of doing battle on some of the CHOICE grounds of the First and Second Divisions, or (shame of it), could it be that they are frightened of taking a hiding long before the fifth round? Whatever the reason, they have certainly been given a head start to that handsome hunk of money.

Then again, maybe they don't want to meet teams that have defeated them in the past when they are not in a position to say, "We only had a scratch team in."

I hope the sponsors of this prize realize the handicap in the competition which they are promoting has been placed on the weaker teams and not the stronger to make it a FAIR GO.—Yours, etc.,

T. J. ANDREWS,
Publicity Officer, Yallourn Soccer Club.

Sirs,—Last Saturday our team played South Melb.-Hellas, the team which is often described as "Happy Hellas." After seeing them defeat our team 2-1, I can't agree with your writers. Our team was beaten by 1 goal and, of course, Hellas deserved it after being in attack for about 70 minutes of the game. But they never looked like bewildering our defence line, which had an answer to nearly every attack, and they weren't very happy about it.

By half-time the score was still 0-0, and just before that when they did not do so well as expected, they had a brawl among themselves. Attacking the goalie was one of their habits, but that did not bring them any success with such a grand goalie as Hans van Tgmond, former Wilhelmina and Hakoah 'keeper. Centre - forward, Genaris, was not able to pass our centre-half, Stam, who was unbeaten the whole day.

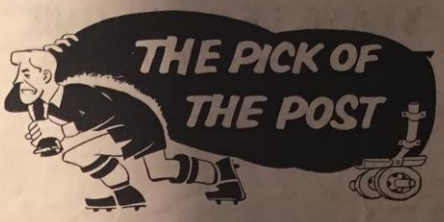
South Melbourne - Hellas did not look like a State League side at all. I give full credit to all Ferntree Gully players for a very fine show and our defence line proved themselves to be one of the best in the Metropolitan League and forwards as good as any.

Thanking you for giving this letter a place in your so much improved paper. — Yours, etc.

CON SMITS,
Sec. Ferntree Gully S.C.

Sirs,—During the past few months I have been completely misled by some of the Disciplinary Board's decisions; the "De Bruyckere" case confirmed it even more. You stated that referees cannot be compelled to attend Disciplinary hearings in which they are concerned. I would appreciate it, if you can name the date on which this rule became effective, as, to my knowledge, it is compulsory for referees to attend the hearings they serve, otherwise sufficient evidence is unavailable, and the Board has no other alternative than to dismiss the charges, omitting any punishment that should be served by the reported player. I maintain for the benefit of good, clean soccer and in fairness to all other clubs and players, that this rule should be changed at the Board's earliest convenience and to reconsider this case. Since the player in question has had the honour of coaching and leading Victoria, I am confident that my opinion is shared by a large number of law abiding soccer supporters, that players of this calibre should set an example to both junior and senior players. — Yours, etc.,

V. CASSAR.
42 Mitchell St., Bentleigh.



JUNIOR TRIALS

The Under 12 Metropolitan team trials will be held at the South Melbourne-Hellas ground, Middle Park, on Sunday, August 7, at 1 p.m.

Games Official's big 'Thank You'

Mr. W. Uren, Victorian Olympic Committee chairman and Manager of two Australian Olympic contingents, expressed his appreciation for the generosity of the V.A.S.F.A. when he received a cheque for £400 from Mr. W. R. Thomas, and said that Victorian Soccer had been by far the most generous sport — among those who would not be represented in the Australian Team in Rome.

Mr. Uren was speaking at a function organized by the V.A.S.F.A., at Olympic Park last Saturday, to present the cheque and make a presentation to the Victorian athletes in Games squad.

When the presentation of a matched set of pen and pencil was made to the eight athletes, the only female athlete and to the sectional manager, Mr. Patching, thanks were extended to Messrs. Thomas, Kerr and Beaton and to the V.A.S.F.A. for the co-operation given to the V.A.A.A. in organizing the trials during the soccer season.

Mr. J. Patching promised that he would use the pen donated by the Soccer Association when signing receipts and documents in connection with any medal his boys would bring back to Australia.

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JOINT LEAGUE MEETING CALLED

The State League Management Committee resolved in favour of calling a joint meeting with the Metropolitan League Management Committee within a fortnight to discuss the possibilities of alterations to the present system of promotion and relegation.

British Soccer Man Says 'Farewell' . . .

From a Special Correspondent

A modern covered waggon journey, involving a 12,000 miles tour of Australia came to an end last Monday, when Mr. Bernard Moss, well-known English soccer commentator, started on his return voyage to England.

Mr. Moss came to Australia in April this year together with his family and a Redford truck which took him from Perth to Adelaide across the Nullabor Plain, then to Melbourne, Sydney, and right up to North Queensland and the Tableland, and back again to Adelaide through Canberra.

Last Monday after having loaded their faithful truck, Mr. Moss and family joined the P. & O. liner "Strathaird," England-bound.

They will reach the Old Country just in time to see the beginning of the Soccer season there.

And from his pleasant cottage at Burstow, near Horley in Surrey, Bernard Moss's thoughts will often wander far afield towards the scenes and friends which he saw and made under the Southern Cross.

I said goodbye to him after the Juventus - Port Adelaide game. Naturally enough I asked what he thought of soccer in Australia.

How long it would take before it can be said to have reached world standards, is is hard to say.

In New South Wales they seem to think that five years should be sufficient but that, said Bernard Moss with a smile "remains to be seen."

Best team in Australia? Prague of Sydney, but Wilhelmina of Melbourne play in the manner most suited to please the English public.

Potential world class players ? "Yes, you have one right here," said Bernard Moss, pointing to Johnny Moriarty who was near by. "Here is a boy who, given good coaching and the right opportunity, could reach world standard."

Do you thnk that he should go to England?

I sincerely do. I think that it would not take him long to get fixed up over there and I would help him as much as possible, not only in finding a team, but also in finding his way about socially until he makes his own set of friends.

From an expert like Bernard Moss, such praise is recommendation indeed.

It is a big step to take, but at least, if Johnny decides to take it, he knows that he will have a friendly hand to guide and to help him in his first difficult days.

So, good luck to him, and thanks to Bernard Moss for such interest shown in one of our promising young players.

These boys, playing their first season in Junior Soccer, are really making the grade.

The boys are coached by Mr. David Lea, founder and President of the Club, and their manager and coach, Mr. J. Lethaby, who also is Secretary of the club.

Champion goal scorers are: R. Scott (inside-right), D. Seaton (inside-left) and M. Cross (centre-half).

Our picture shows: — (Standing, left to right): K. Date, left-half; M. Cross, centre-half; J. Lyon, right-half; J. Campbell, left-back; right-back; T. res.; R. Oliver, ward; J. Bul (Kneeling, lef D. Lethaby, o V. Bicker, out Loveday, goa Seaton, insi Scott, inside-r

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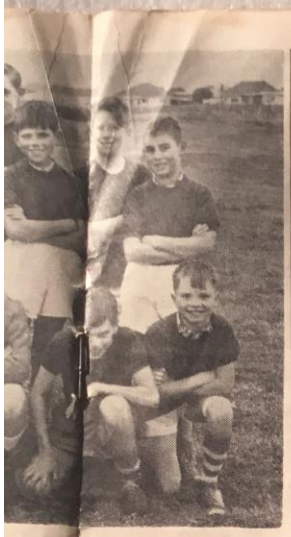

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bell, left-back; N. Gale, right-back; T. McRoberts, res.; R. Oliver, centre-forward; J. Bullough, res. (Kneeling, left to right): D. Lethaby, outside-right; V. Bicker, outside-left; P. Loveday, goalkeeper; D. Seaton, inside-left, R. Scott, inside-right.

★ NO CHANGE IN GOALSCORERS--- ZUBIANI STILL IN THE LEAD

There was no change in the goalscorers' list for the first three places last week. Only forward to offer any challenge was Hakoah's Petersen, who scored two goals against Juventus. He now has 11 to his credit.

With only four more State League games to be played, it's still a neck and neck race to decide this season's best goal-kicker.

Leaders, Zabiani and Keuken, failed to add to their individual scores.

"S.N." has endeavoured to bring before its readers the leading scorers and invites all secretaries to help in their efforts.

✦ Abbreviations are as follows: BH (Box Hill), F (Footscray), GC (George Cross), H (Hakoah), J (Juventus), M. (Melbourne), Mor (Moreland), P (Polonia), Pr (Preston), S (Slavia), W. (Wilhelmina).

17 GOALS — Zubiani (Mor).
16 GOALS—Keuken (W).
12 GOALS—Stoffels (BH).
11 GOALS—Luyten (W), Petersen (H).
10 GOALS — Jurecki (P), McInroy (H).
9 GOALS — Beattie (JUST).
8 GOALS — Vollmann (JUST), Biro (P).
7 GOALS — Zammit (GC), Haynes (H), Bell (S), Smith (Mor).
6 GOALS — Dudon (P), Angestenberger (S).
5 GOALS — Cook (S), Rice (F), A. Vella (GC), Fekete (M), Tomblin (BH).
4 GOALS— Sal (M), De Bruyckere (W), Bressan (J), McVean (GC), Bottari (J), Marinovic (JUST), Bons (W).
3 GOALS — Cubero (J), Yntama (W), Burns (F), Rambousek (S), Bedford (BH), Vass (M), Horvac (Pr), Kaiser (M), Oxten (Mor), Janczyk (P), Reuter (P), Copeland (F), Mariuzkiewicz (P), Sas (S), Loughran (Mor), Hartley (H), Becsi (M), Barbazza (J), Radibratovic (JUST), Common (H), Tognon (Pr), McKenna (GC), Van De Poel (F), Falzon (GC).
2 GOALS — Szygalski (P), Drennan (BH), Sabbadini (F), Abela (GC), Hodgson (Mor), Gregoric (Pr), Hunter, Reuter (W), Cachia (GC), Fabjanic (JUST), Ziegler (S), Patterson (BH), E. Vella (GC), Varos (M), Russell (BH), Huybers (Pr), Noy (W), Rae (GC), Silvar (Pr), Birwic (P), Kenny (BH), Gamaj (P).
1 GOAL—Cressey (F), Thomas (H), Wenish (J), Pronk (W), Drake (Mor), Oughton (H), Szczepanski (P), Nelson (GC), Buric (J), Weinberg (M), Pribil (M), Micic (JUST), Pavlocksy (Pr), Djukic (Pr), Capobus (P), Sacco (GC), Saxelby (F), Gomez (P), McNeil (Mor), Njegus (JUST), Huygen (BH), Berry (S), Balish (S), Xuerab (GC), Boz (J), McColl Klock, Zamola (Pr).

W.A. Appointment

North Perth and State soccer player Peter Atkinson has been appointed playing-coach of W.A. Soccer Federation team, Cracovia.

Atkinson's decision to leave the W.A. Soccer Association leaves the Association with only four of last year's State team.

Atkinson's signing with Cracovia culminated a successful week for the club.

On Thursday it was announced that they had recruited two former German First Division players.

Cracovia have been weak in defence but with Atkinson at centre-half, combining with Harold Hansen and Gerhard Hohmannn, their backs will be equal to any in the Federation.

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BOY BREAKS WRIST

LAST week's two big junior "Soccer News" items were—a junior player broke his wrist and Sunshine City won the Under 18 premiership.

Essendon's star Uunder 16 full-back sustained a colles fracture of his right wrist during the second half of the Essendon v. Ajax match at Fairbairn Park and will be out for the remainder of the season.

Sunshine City's Under 18 team again repeated last season's success in winning the Under 18 Championship and Under 18 Supplementary Competition. My congratulations.

Under 12. This section has now developed into a struggle for first place between Olympia 26 points and Sunshine City 24 points. Sunshine have a match in hand. Last week leaders Olympia defeated S. Melbourne-Hellas 7-0 and Wilhelmina beat Essendon 2-1. In the Cup replay Sunshine City defeated S/Aspendale 1-0 after extra time in a thrilling match and will now meet Essendon in the semi-final. Probable winners: Wilhelmina, Olympia, S/Aspendale and Essendon.

Under 14 (North). Only two league matches were played last week, North Sunshine defeating Sunshine City at Nettlefolds 8-0. The result of the Broadmeadows v. Newport match had not been received at the time of going to press. Cup replay at Castley Reserve: In a thrilling game Ardeer beat Olympia 4-0 with a second half display of brilliant soccer. Score at half-time 0-0. Superior teamwork gave Ardeer the right to appear in the semi-final. For Olympia, centre-half Klimzak starred. Match of the day is North Sunshine v. Olympia at Sassella Park. I favour North to win this vital game. Likely Winners: Newport, Sunshine City, Sokil United and Ardeer.

Under 14 (South). St. Kilda retained their slight 1 point lead by decisively defeating luckless Preston 6-0. Wilhelmina beat S/Aspendale "B" away 3-1 and Brighton defeated Essendon 3-1. The result of Wesley v. S/Aspendale "A" was not received. Today's game between leaders St. Kilda and Wilhelmina (3rd.) should be a thriller. I favour the Dutch boys. Other likely winners: S. Melbourne-Hellas, Essendon, and S/Aspendale "A".

Under 16 (North). In a match marred by excessive rough play Essendon lost star right-back, John Hall, with a colles fracture of the wrist. At the time of the accident Essendon were fighting back from a 3-1 deficit and were losing 3-2. A goal by Rossetto for Essendon was disallowed. Final score, a win for Ajax 3-2. Hall will be sadly missed in the semi-final against Ajax today. In the only other League match played, Hakoah's rebuilt team soundly thrashed Polonia-Fawkner 13-1. Today's semi-finals: Ajax should defeat Essendon. The game between Moorabbin C and Sunshine C at Middle Park should be a thriller

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Junior Soccer with Joe Threlfall

Under 16 (South): Box Hill retained the leadership with a fine 6-0 defeat of S/Aspendale. Melbourne ran riot at Bayswater scoring 16 goals to 1. Brighton beat Croydon 9-0. The result of the Moorabbin C. v. Dandenong match was not received. Only two League games will be played today. Likely winners are Croydon and Box Hill.

Under 18: Sunshine City clinched their second consecutive League Championship with a fine 3-1 victory over nearest challengers, St. Kilda, and have now won both the Championship and the Supplementary Competition. Our congratulations to Gordon Culbard's boys. In the semi-finals today likely winners are Sunshine City and Essendon.

State training matches at Middle Park last week. The Metropolitan Under 18 team entertained Ballarat City and a 2-2 draw resulted. The Under 16 State team drew with Brighton 1-1 and the Metropolitan Under 16 team beat the Victorian State Under 14 team 3-2. The State Under 16 team will commence training under floodlights at the Showgrounds with the kind permission of the Juventus Club. First training session on Thursday, August 4.

Match Reports: Brighton v. Essendon Under 14 South, by R. P. Threlfall: Brighton continued their recent run of successes with a 3-1 victory against Essendon at Dendy Street Reserve. A very fast and exciting game developed with Brighton taking an early lead, Brighton's centre-forward scoring 2 goals. The visitors, Essendon, fought back strongly but failed to score in the first half. After the resumption Essendon attacked, the Brighton centre-forward clearing. Brighton took command of the game but the resolute "Dons" defence kept the Brighton team out. Mario Longa netted the only Essendon goal, but Brighton recaptured their lead with another goal shortly before the final whistle, to make the final score: Brighton 3, Essendon 1.

North Sunshine v. Sunshine City, by L. Blank. North outplayed the inexperienced visitors to win 8-0. From the kick-off North attacked, and left-winger, Ziemnicki scored. Four minutes later J. Blank headed a goal from a corner. Then Ziemnicki and Olinowski scored goals when visiting Sunshine City goalie, Hersbach, fumbled. After the resumption only determined defensive play by visiting player, Scobie, kept North at bay until the home team broke through and Olinowski scored from a penalty. North took command of the game and Ziemnicki and Olinowski scored three goals to make their personal tally 3 goals and 4 goals respectively. Olinowski's four goals has made his personal tally for the season 32 goals. Best for North Sunshine: Olinowski, Ziemnicki, Marmus, Popzyk and J. Blank; for Sunshine: Scobie, Arnold and Short.

Under 16 Victorian State Tour of N.S.W.—Subject to approval by the Junior Committee, the Victorian Under 16 team will now visit Canberra, Sydney, Manly, Cessnock, Sydney, Wollongong and the Blue Mountains, playing seven matches in ten days.

Olympic Park—The Junior Committee have requested all Junior Cup Finals be played as a curtain-raiser at the Park again this season. Unless the condition of Olympic Park improves, other arrangements will be necessary.

IT'S THE CLASH OF THE GIANTS

PROUDLY and with every respect to the two great teams playing at Olympic Park today. "Soccer News" reproduces the Maltese and Polish flags to signify the common language understood and respected throughout the world—FOOTBALL.

It's a flag-waving occasion from beginning to end and through these columns "S.N" expresses its appreciation to these countries for their unswerving efforts and contributions to bettering the standard of Victorian and Australian soccer.

It's the game that counts and when the result is known we are sure both flags will be flying as proudly as before.

POLAND

AT last the long-awaited game of the year is here! George Cross and Polonia today fight out "the battle of the giants."

It's a game that will thrill to the final whistle!

Little introduction is necessary because both teams' records speak for themselves.

By occupying FIRST and SECOND positions in the State League table they must be, and are, the BEST teams playing in Victoria.

We claim, without hesitation, that both sides are in the top six teams playing in Australia.

CLIMAXING A POINT-FOR-POINT DUEL DURING THE SEASON, TODAY'S GAME WILL GIVE SOCCER FANS THE ANSWER OF WHO IS THE BETTER TEAM.

Congratulations to both teams and officials for providing week after week the paying onlooker with some of the best soccer ever seen in Victoria.

Each have their individual success story, and the results are a lesson to all other soccer clubs that only by striving, planning ahead, good management and good players are the top positions reached.

Polonia daringly imported players like Dudon, Jurecki, Janzycki, Maruzkicwicz, etc., involving themselves in a big financial layout and then built their team around these players.

George Cross did gain a couple of players this way but mainly relied upon their "evergreen" Vella brothers, McVean and Muscat; then set about training others to build and form into a team playing side.

Club history can be made today. Neither team has won the coveted State League Championship, or equivalent, and this result probably will decide this year's winner.

The experts — see Page 2 — have their opinions, you can have yours. Toss a coin if you like, but an enthralling, exciting game is promised, so go to it George Cross and Polonia, and may the better team win.

GOOD LUCK, GEORGE CROSS!

MALTA G.C.

GOOD LUCK, POLONIA!

Tomorrow (Sunday) traditional rivals, J.U.S.T. and Juventus, meet again in what could be a fiery and sparkling match.

Both teams have lost much of their glamor and J.U.S.T. will have to play without some of their best men, sent off the field last Saturday.

Both teams have a large following and this match will have added interest as both are equal on the ladder with 19 points each and victory or defeat could displace one or the other from the final four.

Juventus will have the ground advantage at the Park but will have to produce sharpshooters to win.

J.U.S.T. will rely on a fast game, always prepared to upset the Italians in a clash.

It is hard to predict a winner as both teams have an equal chance although on recent form J.U.S.T. could win narrowly.

CHAMPAGNE FOR VIC AND HIS BRIDE . . .

Before the start of the Polonia v. Wilhelmina match at Olympic Park last Sunday, the Dutch captain, Mike De Bruyckere, presented to player "Vic" Janczyk, a bunch of flowers and a bottle of champagne for his wedding party after the match.

The day previously he married blonde Polish girl Zdzislawa ("Puma") Zabuski, who came to Melbourne last October.

The wedding reception held at the farmhouse of "Puma's" daddy, Mr. Zdzislaw Zabuski, is a 50-year-old engineer, who had never seen his attractive 19-year-old daughter until she arrived at Melbourne airport on October 21.

The rambling farmhouse, where wedding guests drank vodka and sang Polish songs while a side of beef sizzled on a barbecue spit, is the place where the happy couple first met.

That was on "Puma's" 20th birthday — January 5 — when Vic and other members of the Polonia team were invited to meet the "new" daughter of their club's former president.

Mr. Zabuski has known his son-in-law longer than he has known his daughter

He was one of the Polonia officials partly responsible for bringing the clever right-half out to Australia about a year ago.

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● NORTH

CONSISTENT HELLAS

SOUTH MELBOURNE-HELLAS continued on their winning way with a 4th Round victory over Yallourn. The Greeks are winning games consistently but not convincingly, and they may need greater strength to establish themselves in State League soccer. But with the efficient management there's every reason to be confident that Hellas will justify the promotion which they look certain to gain.

The Collingwood v. Sicilia Cup game was abandoned by the referee when spectators invaded the pitch following the sending-off of a player. Sicilia were leading 4-3 at the time of the incident but will have to await a Disciplinary Committee decision before being declared winners. It is to be hoped that firm measures will be taken against the offending club.

Top attraction today is the match between Moonee Ponds and South Melbourne-Hellas. When these clubs last met I tipped Moonee Ponds to win, but they were decisively dealt with by the Greek combine. I expect a closer game today, but must go for Hellas to register another win.

University have shown a little improvement lately and could well extend Maccabi today, but it would surprise if they pulled off a victory over Tommy Jack's boys.

Sunshine City are still dangerously close to the relegation zone and this could inspire them to upset Croatia, who now hold a comfortable mid-table position. Coburg travel to Corio, and if star forward, Brady, is wearing his shooting boots they could win, but home ground advantage should help Corio to score a narrow win.

Fiorentina would still like to finish the season as runners-up and they should rejoin Moonee Ponds in second place by defeating Sicilia. Sicilia have a slim chance to avoid relegation by winning two or three of the remaining games, but appear to have little chance today.

Selections: **Sunshine City, South Melbourne - Hellas, Corio, Maccabi, and Fiorentina.**

● SOUTH

Brighton registered a convincing 4-0 victory over Coburg in the Dockerty Cup last week and the Seasiders' bustling, vigorous play, which is ideal for Cup-tie football, could see them do well in this competition. As expected, Geelong proved too good for Maccabi last week and scored a comfortable 4-1 victory.

Considerable interest attaches to Brighton's visit to Richmond today. Richmond can't afford to drop points at this stage, but Brighton's recent form has been hard to fault. The muddy conditions at Burnley will not suit either side but I'm going for the fit Brighton side to cause an upset.

Geelong will make every post a winning post with South Yarra since they could easily rejoin Richmond at the top of the ladder if that club loses today. Goal averages could play an important part in determining promotion

Sandringham played remarkably well last week to take a point from the fit Austria side, and goalie John Slade made some excellent saves. A repetition of this form would enable the "Hammers" to defeat Park Rangers today.

Austria travel to Yallourn and an interesting game should be provided for the Latrobe Valley spectators. Austria's success largely depends on the smooth functioning of their forward line and centre-forward Hollfelder combines really well with wingers Von Nagy and Vogel. I expect Austria to win narrowly.

Selections: **Brighton, Austria, Prahran, Sandringham, and Geelong.**

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THE WORLD OF SOCCER

By JIM COOK

IT is an official ruling that the referee in the European Cup final only receives his travelling expenses plus a winner's medal.

In the recent Real Madrid v. Eintract final the ref. was Jack Mowat, of Burnside, Glasgow, and this famous official's expenses from his home to Hampden Park was 1/- return. Jack, who is now recognised as one of the top referees in the soccer world, started with the whistle in 1943 and he has refereed 30 international games, five World Cup games, and 27 F.A. League Cup finals in Scotland, in addition to his usual stint each soccer Saturday in the Scotland First and Second Divisions.

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✦ **Don Revie,** the originator in England of the deep centre plan and the happy wanderer of English soccer, has played for Leicester, Manchester City, Sunderland, Hull and now Leeds United. It is rumoured that centre-forward, Revie, may end his playing days in Scotland as he travels regularly each close season for holidays with his wife's parents in Fife.

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✦ Until recently the players representing Poland in international soccer matches only received £10 for a win and £5 for a draw and this is mere chicken feed compared with what some countries pay. Although Poland have no full-time players in their team it is expected that they will shortly receive a substantial pay rise but this will probably come too late for veteran inside-left, Cieslik, who has already worn Poland's colours 50 times. Cieslik is coach and trainer to a club in Silesia.

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✦ One of the best young wing half-backs in Scottish Second Division football is an Englishman. Twenty-two-year-old Gerry Irving, of Queen of the South, is the player and to prove the statement, Gerry was capped last season for England's Under 23 team. Irving, however, may return to England. Middlesboro are reputed to be willing to pay a big fee for this young star.

✦ **Francisco Gento,** the Real Madrid outside-left, has clocked 11 seconds for 100 yards — but wait for it — "with a ball at his feet under perfect control." It takes world class sprinters to do 100 yards in a little under 10 seconds wearing spikes so Gento's performance can be termed as miraculous.

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✦ **Barrie Betts,** full-back of Fourth Division English League club, Stockport County, was one of the stars of his side last season. Betts may jump into First Division by the opening of the new season as Manchester City, West Brom. and West Ham are credited with an interest in the player. A few seasons ago Betts was freed by Barnsley after a leg injury and they thought he would not play again.

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✦ Glasgow Celtic did not have a particularly good season but they managed to do something in one match which took their counterparts' European Cup semi-finalists three months to do. Celtic defeated Rotterdam Sparta 5-1 in a friendly match, but it took Rangers three matches to dispose of Sparta in the European Cup quarter-finals.

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✦ Former Scottish stars, Billy Steel and Ken Chisholm who dominate the Hollywood Kickers F.C. in Los Angeles, both had bad luck at the end of this season. Ken received a broken leg and Billy suffered a broken nose in the last game of the season which ironically was only a friendly match.

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FIXTURES

Saturday, 6/8/60—
George Cross v. Polonia, 2.45.

Sunday, 7/8/60—
J.U.S.T. v. Juventus, 2.45.

Saturday, 13/8/60—
Juventus v. Slavia, 2.45.

Sunday, 14/8/60—
Footscray v. Geo. Cross, 2.45.

Saturday, 20/8/60—
Slavia v. Melbourne, 2.45.

Sunday, 21/8/60—
Wilhelmina v. Juventus, 2.45.

Saturday, 27/8/60—
Juventus v. Polonia, 2.45.

Sunday, 28/8/60—
George Cross v. Hakoah, 2.45.

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Last Week

ASCOT £700 DOCKERTY CUP — 3rd Round
Collingwood Eagles 3, Sicilia 4 (aband. 80 min.).
Brighton 4, Coburg 0.

ASCOT £700 DOCKERTY CUP — 3rd Round Replay.
Frankston 4, Rosebud 4. (After extra time).

ASCOT £700 DOCKERTY CUP — 4th Round
Geelong 4, Maccabi 1.
S. Melb.-Hel. 4, Yallourn 3.

STATE LEAGUE
Juventus 1, Hakoah 2.
Moreland 0, J.U.S.T. 1.
Box Hill 1, Slavia 1.
Polonia 2, Wilhelmina 1.
Melbourne 3, Footscray 2.
Preston 1, Geo. Cross 3.

STATE LEAGUE RES.
Moreland 8, J.U.S.T. 0.
Box Hill 3, Slavia 2.

HARRY ARMSTRONG CUP 3rd Round Replays.
Preston l.p., Richmond w.o.
Melbourne 3, Geo. Cross 3 (After extra time).

HARRY ARMSTRONG CUP 4th Round
S. Melb.-Hellas 3, Polonia 1.
Juventus 1, Hakoah 2.

FIRST DIVISION SOUTH
Austria 0, Sandringham 0. (From 14/5/60).

SECOND DIV. SOUTH
Moorabbin 3, F.N.D. 1. (From 23/7/60).
Croydon 0, Nth. Richmond 2. (From 14/5/60).

SECOND DIV. RESERVES
Lions 11, Frankston 1. (From 14/5/60).

No matches in First North, Second North, First North Reserves, First South Res. and Provisional League.

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ISRAEL PLAYERS FOR MACCABI

Six top class Israel Soccer players will arrive in Melbourne in March next year. They will play for Maccabi in the 1961 competition.

Mr. S. Rubinstein, Maccabi President, said he would not release the names of the players, although negotiations have been satisfactorily concluded.

He said the players had still to satisfy commitments with their present clubs.

The players are coming from leading soccer clubs in Tel Aviv and Haifa.

One of them has played 25 times for Israel and another eight times.

This Week

STATE LEAGUE
Hakoah v. Melbourne.
J.U.S.T. v. Juventus.
Slavia v. Moreland.
Wilhelmina v. Box Hill.
George Cross v. Polonia.
Footscray v. Preston.

STATE LEAGUE RES.
Hakoah v. Melbourne.
J.U.S.T. v. Juventus.
Slavia v. Moreland.
Wildelmina v. Box Hill.
George Cross v. Preston.
Footscray v. Preston.

FIRST DIVISION NORTH
Sunshine City v. Croatia.
Moonee Ponds v. S.M.-Hellas.
Corio v. Coburg
Maccabi v. University.
Fiorentina v. Sicilia.

FIRST DIVISION SOUTH
Richmond v. Brighton.
Yallourn v. Austria.
Prahran v. Dandenong.
Sand'ham v. Park Rangers.
Geelong v. South Yarra.

FIRST NORTH RESERVES
University v. Maccabi.
S.M.-Hellas v. Moonee Ponds.

FIRST SOUTH RESERVES
Brighton v. Richmond.
Austria v. Yallourn.
Dandenong v. Prahran.
Pk. Rangers v. Sandringham.
South Yarra, Bye.

SECOND DIVISION NORTH
Essendon v. Norlane Olym.
Heidelberg v. Collingwood.
Lions v. I.C.I.
Williamstown v. Fairfield.
Seymour v. St. Albans.

SECOND DIV. SOUTH
Makedonia v. Rosebud.
Croydon v. Moorabbin.
Bayswater v. Ferntree Gully.
Oakleigh v. Frankston.
N. Richmond v. F.N.D.

SECOND DIVISION RES.
Trident v. Croydon.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE
Bendigo v. Hollandia.
Olympia v. W.W.F.
Alexander v. Trident.

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Ballarat City are Champions

Ballarat City S.C. have won their district premiership this season. Croatia are runners-up.

Today eight teams in the competition will start the local Cup competition and the matches scheduled to start at 2.45 p.m. are: Ballarat City v. Jadran (Trekandon Park); Ballarat Rovers v. Croatia (Russell Square); Ballarat Internationals v. Ararat; Wendouree v. Y.C.W. (Prince of Wales Park).

Next Week

STATE LEAGUE
Preston v. Hakoah.
Melbourne v. J.U.S.T.
Juventus v. Slavia.
Moreland v. Wilhelmina.
Box Hill v. Polonia.
Footscray v. George Cross.

STATE LEAGUE RES.
Preston v. Hakoah.
Melbourne v. J.U.S.T.
Juventus v. Slavia.
Moreland v. Wilhelmina.
Box Hill v. Polonia.
Footscray v. George Cross.

FIRST DIVISION NORTH
Sicilia v. Maccabi.
University v. Sunshine City.
Croatia v. Moonee Ponds.
Sth. Melb.-Hellas v. Corio.
Coburg v. Fiorentina.

FIRST DIVISION SOUTH
South Yarra v. Yallourn.
Austria v. Richmond.
Brighton v. Sandringham.
Park Rangers v. Prahran.
Dandenong v. Geelong.

SECOND DIVISION NORTH
St. Albans v. Heidelberg.
Collingwood v. Essendon.
Norlane-Olympia v. W'town.
Fairfield v. Lions.
I.C.I. v. Seymour.

SECOND DIV. SOUTH
F.N.D. v. Croydon.
Moorabbin v. Makedonia.
Rosebud v. Oakleigh.
Frankston v. Bayswater.
Ferntree Gully v. N. R'mond.

FIRST NORTH RESERVES
Sunshine City v. University.
Fiorentina v. Coburg.

FIRST SOUTH RESERVES
Yallourn v. South Yarra.
Richmond v. Austria.
Sandringham v. Brighton.
Prahran v. Park Rangers.
Dandenong Bye.

SECOND DIV. RESERVES
Lions v. Ferntree Gully.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE
Trident v. Ringwood.
Melita v. Bendigo.
Hollandia v. Springvale.
D.S.G. v. Olympia.
W.W.F. v. Alexander.

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JUNIOR FIXTURES—August 13.

Under-12.—Sunshine City v. St. Kilda, Wilhelmina v. Sth. Melb.-Hellas, Olympia v. Brooklyn Hostel, Essendon v. S/Aspendale.

Under-14 North.—Sokil United v. L. Newport, Sacred Heart v. Ardeer, Broadmeadows v. Sunshine City, Trident v. North Sunshine, Brooklyn Hostel v. Olympia.

Under-14 South.—Wesley College v. Preston, Sth. Melb.-Hellas v. Wilhelmina, St. Kilda v. Essendon, S/Aspendale "B" v. Brighton.

Under-16 North.—Sunshine City v. Ajax, Fawkner and Essendon (byes).

Under-16 South.—Moorabbin C. v. Melbourne.

Under-18.—Junior Cup Final.

STATE LEAGUE

	Pts	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	P.
Polonia	32	~~30~~ 30	~~17~~ 19	3	3	41	14	29
George Cross		29	17	12	4	1	34	14	28
Melbourne	24	~~23~~ 23	~~18~~ 20	9	3	6	29	28	21
Wilhelmina	22	~~21~~ 21	~~17~~ 19	8	3	6	42	29	19
J.U.S.T.	22	~~21~~ 21	~~18~~ 20	8	3	7	32	23	19
Juventus	21	19	~~18~~ 20	7	5	6	27	20	19
Slavia	21	21	~~18~~ 20	8	3	7	27	21	19
Hakoah	20	18	~~18~~ 20	8	2	8	35	38	18
Moreland	15	14	~~18~~ 20	6	2	10	34	41	14
Box Hill	10	10	~~17~~ 19	3	4	10	31	38	10
Preston		9	18	4	1	13	22	53	9
Footscray		9	18	3	1	14	18	56	7

FIRST NORTH

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	P.
S.M.-Hellas	12	11	1	0	55	9	23
Moo. Ponds	14	8	4	2	25	22	20
Fiorentina	14	6	6	2	24	17	18
Corio	14	6	5	3	30	17	17
Coburg	13	5	5	3	18	14	15
Croatia	14	6	3	5	24	23	15
Maccabi	13	5	0	8	20	24	10
Sunshine C.	12	2	3	7	14	22	7
Sicilia	14	2	1	11	14	35	5
University	14	1	2	11	10	51	4

SECOND NORTH

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals F.	Goals A.	P.
Lions	14	13	1	0	85	6	27
C'wood Eag.	14	12	1	1	47	11	25
Norl.-Olymp.	14	8	1	5	45	20	17
St. Albans	14	6	3	5	30	18	15
I.C.I.	14	6	3	5	35	26	15
Williamstown	14	6	1	7	24	21	13
Seymour	14	4	3	8	23	37	11
Fairfield	13	3	0	10	17	43	6
Heidelberg	14	2	1	11	11	83	5
Essendon	13	1	2	10	5	57	4

FIRST NORTH RESERVES

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	P.
Coburg	11	9	2	0	52	11	20
S.M.-Hellas	10	9	0	1	31	9	18
Moon. Ponds	11	6	2	3	27	13	14
Sunshine C.	11	5	3	3	24	22	13
Fiorentina	10	4	2	4	13	16	10
Maccabi	10	2	0	8	14	19	4
University	11	1	2	8	8	47	4
Sicilia	10	0	1	9	5	37	1

FIRST SOUTH

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	P.
Richmond	14	11	2	1	53	14	24 ~~16~~
Geelong	14	10	2	2	59	16	22 ~~24~~
Austria	14	9	2	3	38	22	20
Brighton	13	8	1	4	33	18	17
Yallourn	14	7	2	5	36	24	16
Sandringham	14	4	3	7	26	40	11
Dandenong	13	3	4	6	26	35	10
South Yarra	14	3	4	7	16	39	10
Park Rangers	14	1	3	10	18	56	5
Prahran	14	0	3	11	17	57	3

SECOND SOUTH

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	P.
Ferntree G.	13	10	3	0	44	7	23
Frankston	13	11	1	1	54	18	23
Oakleigh	14	8	2	4	29	24	18
Rosebud	14	5	4	5	19	23	14
Makedonia	14	5	3	6	30	32	13
Nth. R'mond	14	4	4	6	12	20	12
Moorabbin	14	5	2	7	28	44	12
Croydon	13	3	5	5	22	27	11
F.N.D.	13	2	1	10	23	42	5
Bayswater	14	2	1	11	18	42	5

FIRST SOUTH RESERVES

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	P.
Richmond	12	11	1	0	83	5	23
Brighton	12	9	1	2	42	26	19
Yallourn	13	8	0	5	42	42	16
Sandringham	12	6	2	4	42	25	14
Austria	12	7	0	5	38	34	14
Dandenong	13	4	2	7	29	48	10
Park Rangers	13	3	2	8	30	46	8
South Yarra	13	1	3	9	14	49	5
Prahran	12	1	1	10	14	59	3

JUNIOR LADDERS

UNDER-12.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Olympia	14	13	0	1	26
Sunshine City	13	12	0	1	24
Essendon	14	9	0	5	18
S/Aspendale	13	7	2	4	16
Wilhelmina	14	8	0	6	16
Brooklyn	13	5	0	8	10
J.U.S.T.	13	4	2	7	10
St. Kilda	14	5	0	9	10
S.Melb.-Hellas	14	3	0	11	6

July 30.—Not notified: Brooklyn v. J.U.S.T.; Postponed: Sunshine v. S/Aspendale.

UNDER-14 NORTH.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Sokil	13	10	2	1	22
Ardeer	12	9	3	0	21
North Sunshine	13	9	3	1	21
Newport	13	5	4	4	14
Olympia	11	5	2	4	12
Sacred Heart	12	5	2	5	12
Trident	13	6	0	7	12
Broadmeadows	11	3	0	8	6
Sunshine	13	2	0	11	4

Note: Brooklyn Hostel fixtures deleted and points deducted.

UNDER-14 SOUTH.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
St. Kilda	14	12	1	1	25
S.Melb.-Hellas	14	11	2	1	24
Wilhelmina	14	11	1	2	23
Essendon	14	9	0	5	18
Brighton	15	8	0	7	16
S/Aspendale "A"	13	8	0	5	16
S/Aspendale "B"	14	5	2	7	10
Preston	15	2	1	12	5
Wesley	13	1	1	11	3

Not notified, July 30.—Wesley v. S/Aspendale "A".

UNDER-16 NORTH.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Sunshine C.	13	12	0	1	28	8	24
Ajax	12	11	0	1	39	5	22
Hakoah	13	8	0	5	31	19	16
St. Kilda	14	7	2	5	18	28	16
Essendon	13	6	2	5	18	28	14
Fawkner	13	4	2	7	12	58	10

UNDER-16 SOUTH.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Box Hill	13	10	1	2	47	15	21
Melbourne	13	9	1	3	91	18	19
Moorabbin	12	8	2	2	51	5	18
Brighton	14	8	0	6	65	27	16
Dandenong	12	7	1	4	65	26	15
Bayswater	14	3	1	10	14	94	7
Croydon	13	2	1	10	15	69	5
S/Aspendale	13	1	1	11	5	99	3

Not notified July 30.—Moorabbin v. Dandenong.

FINAL TABLE.

Under-18 Supplmentary.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Sunshine City	4	4	0	0	8	1	8
Essendon	4	3	1	0	13	4	7
St. Kilda	4	2	1	1	4	5	5
Sandringham	4	2	0	2	9	12	4
Preston	4	0	0	4	5	17	0

Under-18.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Sunshine C.	14	13	1	0	66	5	27
St. Kilda	14	11	1	2	17	17	23
Essendon	14	10	1	3	25	17	21
Preston	14	7	1	6	7	40	15
Sandringham	14	7	0	7	6	32	14

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	P.
Box Hill	15	13	1	1	52	12	27
Hakoah	13	12	1	0	45	6	25
Juventus	14	10	2	2	48	21	22
Polonia	14	8	2	4	29	15	18
J.U.S.T.	16	8	2	6	31	45	18
Wilhelmina	14	7	1	6	26	26	15
Moreland	14	5	4	5	37	34	14
Melbourne	15	4	4	7	32	34	12
Preston	15	4	0	11	19	53	8
Slavia	16	3	0	13	19	39	6
George Cross	15	2	2	11	23	46	6
Footscray	13	1	1	11	15	45	3

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	P.
Alexander	14	13	0	1	86	13	26
Trident	14	11	1	2	51	19	23
Ringwood	14	8	3	3	43	26	19
Olympia	14	9	1	4	34	23	19
Springvale	14	5	3	6	23	25	13
Bendigo	14	4	4	6	29	49	12
D.S.G.	14	3	4	7	26	46	10
Hollandia	14	3	1	10	16	54	7
W.W.F.	14	2	2	10	11	54	6
Melita	14	1	3	10	20	30	5

SECOND RESERVES

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	P.
Ferntree G.	10	9	0	1	37	23	18
Lions	9	7	0	2	43	12	14
Frankston	9	4	2	3	26	24	10
Croydon	10	3	1	6	17	24	7
Seymour	8	3	1	4	14	25	7
Moorabbin	10	3	1	6	16	29	7
Trident	10	1	1	8	21	37	3

JUNIOR RESULTS

Under-12.—Olympia 7, South Melb.-Hellas 0; Brooklyn v. J.U.S.T.; Wilhelmina 2, Essendon 1; (Cup) Sunshine 1, S/Aspendale 0.

Under-14 North.—Broadmeadows v. Newport; Trident v. Ardeer (postponed); N. Sunshine 8, Sunshine City 0; Sokil v. Olympia (postponed).

Under-14 South.—St. Kilda 6, Preston 0; S/Aspendale "B" 1, Wilhelmina 3; Brighton 3, Essendon 1; Wesley v. S/Aspendale "A."

Under-16 North.—Hakoah 13, Fawkner 1; Essendon 2, Ajax 3.

Under-16 South.—Box Hill 6, S/Aspendale 0; Bayswater 1, Melbourne 16; Brighton 9, Croydon 0; Moorabbin v. Dandenong.

Under-18.—St. Kilda 1, Sunshine 3; Sandringham 0, Essendon 4.

Cup (Under-14 North): Ardeer 4, Olympia 0.

PASSING SHOTS

✦ There might be some truth in the rumour that Scotland is going to press for a decrease of migration from Southern Europe.

✦ Kurt Defris suggested that a bed be provided in the relevant penalty area for centre-forward Barbazza to rest on, while waiting for penalties!

✦ Ballarat District Association officials in Melbourne last Sunday showed delight at the fact that some of their teams have changed their Continental names. Result: In addition to Ballarat City there are now Ballarat Rovers and Ballarat Internationals. Suggestion: Revert back to the old names to clarify the situation.

✦ Heard the same officials discussing the possibility of coming to Melbourne for tomorrow's "Blood Bath" between J.U.S.T. and Juventus. There are not many attractions in the country, especially on Sundays!

✦ Great interest has been aroused in soccer circles by the surprise announcement that one of the "heaviest" officials is going to lose a little weight. All "Smogarsboards" in Melbourne will sigh with relief!

✦ One soccer official has found a suitable job at last. He proved quite successful at "underwater" lobbying!

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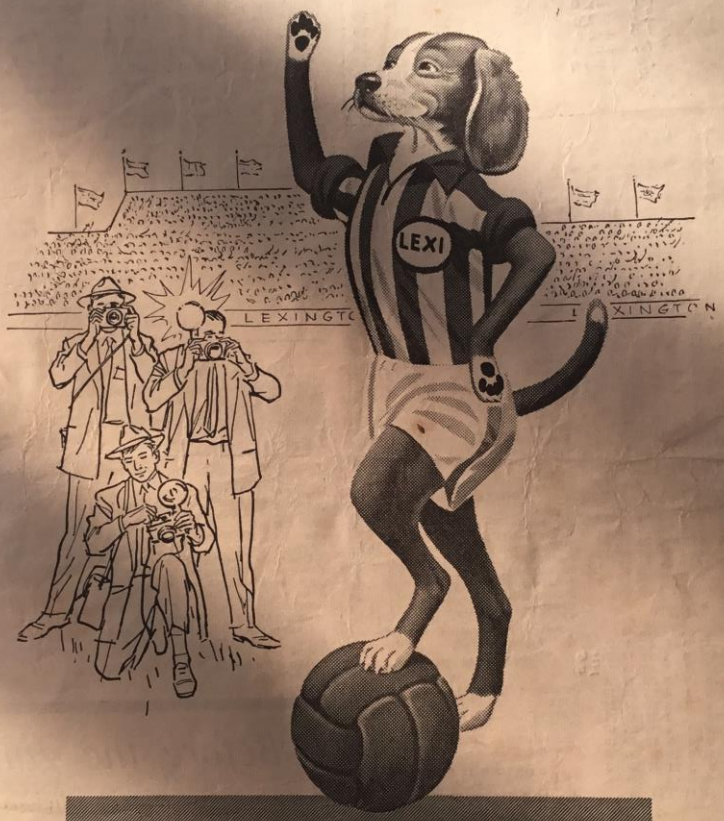

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